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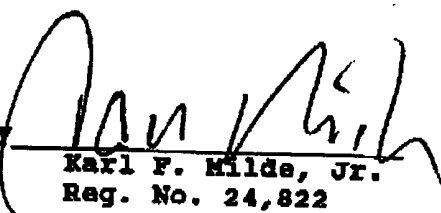
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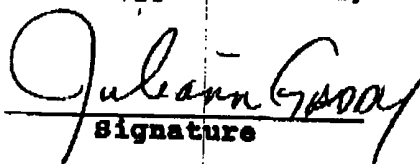
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of examination, please amend the above-
identified patent application to read as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 20 as follows:

1. A three-layer, elastic, flat-shaped laminate
consisting essentially of:
- two outer layers made of a porous fibrous or
filamentous batting; and
 - an inner layer, disposed between and adherent to said
two outer layers, said inner layer consisting of strands of
thermoplastic adhesive in a latticework configuration which